



## **Topic Name: Best Memory of Sanford**

**Idea Title:** urban form

Idea Detail: We do not need more parking in downtown Sanford, in fact we have way to much parking within the downtown area. Downtown is a very walkable area and plenty of parking within a short walking distance. The space that we do have should be reserved for buildings that incorporate businesses, office space and residential. The available realestate within the vacinity of first street should remain available for those potential uses and not for parking. We need more mixed use with residential above the first floor to provide for life to the downtown area.

Idea Author: jurgen D

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Number of Comments 7

Comment 1: I completely agree with Susan and some of the other comments made here. We must provide adequate parking for visitors - which Sanford has a lot of and needs more of. We have quite a few destination restaurants, i.e. Willow Tree, and the only way these patrons get here is via car. You must also account for the handicapped and elderly.

I live about a mile away from downtown and while I would love to make the hike up there most days, it's just not realistic due to time constraints, weather, and the time of day.

Even large, walkable cities (Savannah) provide adequate parking for visitors via parking garages which blend in to the city landscape. | By Christina B

Comment 2: As much as I am a fan of New Urbanism & walkable cities, I am also a realist. Sanford doesn't have enough people with high disposable incomes within a walkable radius of the downtown area, to sustain a "walkable" city. Increasing housing units that appeal to people who love the arts, eating out, authentic architecture & nature needs to be a point of focus. Many empty properties used for parking will regain value with increased business. Sensitively designed 2 or 3 story parking buildings with ground floor retail work well in pedestrian cities. Drawing people into downtown who will spend \$\$\$\$ is key. People who desire the "Authentic Small Downtown Florida Experience" do not ride the Lynx bus! Tourists who spend big \$\$\$ on Authentic Experiences are older & drive. People already living within the walkable radius cannot support the downtown businesses on their own. The high rise condos along the river are the biggest ugly mistake Sanford ever made. Authentic Architecture! | By Susan B



Comment 3: I don't disagree with the conservative parking, mixed use, better corridors walking and bicycling in the area. However, everyday is not a walking and bicycling day when there is inclement weather. Also, not all residents are able to walk and bicycle. The elderly and physically disabled citizens should also be kept in mind. A trolley on wheels (not electric due to installation and maintenance costs) or connector transportation system is a must when the rails are operational. | By Don S

Comment 4: Ditto! In order to do this, the city would need to adopt a form based code (eg. Smart Code by DPZ) and distance itself from a use based code that segregates and isolates activities into pockets. We don't have to reinvent the wheel. History has a wealth of great cities that were designed well, including ours! | By Philip R

Comment 5: I think this topic is important in that it relates to the walkability of our city. Encouraging automobile traffic is almost always done at the expense of the pedestrian/cyclist. The area from the Sunrail to downtown is one of the "forgotten" parts of Sanford. I think this strip should be modeled after the downtown: larger sidewalks, slower traffic, and more neighborhood type shops. There are some older homes/buildings that can be renovated and add to the historic feel of Sanford, it could "lead into" the more active downtown area. | By Justin A

Comment 6: I agree we have plenty of parking in the downtown area--better to encourage more walking, biking, and use of better/improved public transportation (wheeled trolleys in the future maybe?). I don't know that we want to encourage more individual automobile traffic (which brings additional noise, pollution, etc.)--especially when we have Amtrak now and will have SunRail in the near future to help bring more long-distance people to Sanford. And those people can use walking, biking (rental bikes in the future maybe?), and some hopefully improved public transportation to get around our beautiful town. | By Bridget M

Comment 7: Thank you for the support | By jurgen D

**Idea Title: Porch Party**

Idea Detail: Have a day where everyone downtown wants to have a tour of business store fronts "porches" to get to know your community. Homestyle refreshments and southern hospitality. If you know your neighbors you are more likely to interact in a positive way. This is just one idea. A community garden where each home or business grows one organic group and we have a harvest day to share our bounty.

We need to encourage some bed and breakfasts, hostels, and retail stores to stay open later at night. BRING on the tourist. Work with the airport to share this asset.



Downtown is truly the Jewel on The Saint Johns. The four quadrants of Sanford offer so much more a small ( only larger ) city on the St Johns.

I have so many ideas that are not expensive but require the participation of people. Sign on for a small piece of the puzzle and we will all grow!

More Events! They work!

Idea Author: moire W

Number of Seconds 4

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**Idea Title: Increase Employment Opportunities around the Airport**

Idea Detail: My warm memories of Sanford go back to the 1960s when the Naval Air Station was active. The area of Pine Crest was once clean, new and filled with young families. The area needs to be cleaned up. More industry needs to return to the airport area to provide employment. I remember the economical shift when the base closed and people left for employment. I miss seeing all of the families and old people sitting along Lake Monroe fishing with cane poles. I miss the smell of cabbage and Adams Farm for citrus. I miss the agriculture. With the strong agricultural heritage, fresh and organic foods in a Farmers market needs to be a strong draw to Sanford. The old Trailways and Grayhound buildings were the transportation hub. Sanford still needs to bring a transportation hub to downtown linking the new Sunrail. The area west of 17-92 is ready for major in-fill redevelopment and employment opportunities. I believe that bringing more industrial and technology jobs into Sanford will clean up many areas where people have not had the money to maintain their homes.

Idea Author: Susan B

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